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BASE STATION PHYSICIANS' COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, November 19, 2013

Present Members

DeMers, Gerard – Naval Medical Center
Grad, M.D., Michele – Palomar BHMD
Kahn, M.D., Chris – UCSD BHMD
Klingensmith, Todd – S.D. Paramedic Association
Kramer, M.D., Mark – Sharp Memorial
Linnik, M.D., Bill – Sharp Grossmont BHMD
Meadows-Pitt, R.N., Mary – Sharp Grossmont BHNC
Smith, D.O., Ryan – Tri-City BHMD
Schwartz, M.D., Brad – AMR Medical Director
Wang, M.D. Marcus – Scripps Mercy BHMD

County Staff

Ameng, R.N., Diane
Conte, R.N., Meredith
Metz, R.N., Marcy
Smith, PhD, Josh

In Attendance

Aker, Donna – UCSD ROC
Allington, R.N., Linda – Carlsbad Fire
Anderson, Mary – Federal Fire
Bingham, Jim – Viejas Fire
Bourdon, R.N., Darlene – Scripps Mercy BHNC
Broyles, R.N., Linda – AMR
Dotson, R.N., Melody – UCSD

In Attendance (cont'd)

Duffy, Jenny – Escondido/San Marcos Fire
Elliott, Laura – Mercy Air
Ferraro, Joe – Miramar Fire Department
Gardiner, Yama – Tri-City Medical Center
Graydon, R.N., Cheryl – Palomar Medical Center
Harley, M.D., Jim – Rady Children's Hospital
Healy, R.N., Marla – Sharp Memorial
Hotka, Brian – Mercy Air
Idman-Gervais, R.N., Dianne – Sharp Grossmont
Kelly, Brian – USBP BORSTAR
Lemir, Harold – San Diego Fire
Levine, M.D., Saul – Sharp Memorial
Maisonet, Scott – BORSTAR
Murphy, R.N., Mary – CSA-17 Fire Department
Nichols, R.N., Mardi – TriCity Medical Center
Pierce, R.N., Jodie – S.D. Fire Department
Rosenberg, R.N., Linda – Sharp Memorial
Russo, R.N., Joe – Rural/Metro/CSA-17
Seabloom, R.N., Lynne – Oceanside Fire
Serra, M.D., John – UCSD/Rural Metro
Sullivan, Don – AMR
Wells, R.N., Christine – Scripps La Jolla

Recorder

Wolchko, Janet

I. CALL TO ORDER/INTRODUCTIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Michele Grad, M.D., called the meeting to order at 11:10 a.m. Attendees introduced themselves.

Announcement: Labor action at UCSD

UCSD is accepting patients as usual. They will not be on bypass unless they are overwhelmed as standard practice.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes from October 15, 2013. Motion carried.

III. MEDICAL DIRECTOR'S REPORT (Marcy Metz, R.N.)

- A. Flu season is upon us. Remember to get a flu shot and have your workforce vaccinated to protect patients.
- B. Drug shortages continue to occur sporadically. Recently there are shortages with dopamine and morphine. Dr. Haynes and Meredith Conte are working on communication regarding shortages.
- C. The Health Services Capacity Task Force met and revised the Capacity Plan for this year's flu season. The Jury Duty postponement letter will come out soon. Changes to the Capacity Plan should be out by end of the month.
- D. As of October 1, 2013, Reach Air is the second air ambulance provider in the County. Since November 15, there have been 106 launches. AMR serves as the air ambulance dispatching agency. Diane Ameng, EMS QA Specialist, will be doing the QA on those air calls.
- E. There are two local Community Paramedicine projects that were provisionally approved by the EMS Authority. Carlsbad Fire and City of San Diego will be completing surveys which the EMS Authority will review along with the other projects submitted. Formal applications will be sent to OSHPD for approval.
- F. The CSA-17 ambulance provider contract that serves the North Coastal area that includes Solana Beach, Del Mar, Encinitas and Rancho Santa Fe went out to bid. As of January 1, 2014, the ambulance provider will change from Rural Metro to AMR.
- G. The Emergency Medical Oversight Committee (EMOC) Summit was a success. It included the history of emergency medicine, statewide EMS issues and public health updates on infectious diseases. ED panels looked at roles of Base Hospital, the Beacon project, and new Navy treatment guidelines.

- H. The date for the 2014 Southern California CPR Day participation event is scheduled on Thursday, June 5, 2014.
- I. BSPC discussed hospital and prehospital healthcare workers vaccination or wear a mask policy, and the County recommendation.

IV. TRAUMA REPORT (Joshua Smith, PhD)

A. 2012 Trauma Review:

1. The trauma rate has increased over the last three years and is expected to continue to increase. There is a large jump in the total trauma patients from 2011 to 2012.
2. San Diego Trends:
 - Geographic pockets of increasing trauma injuries.
 - Falls, self-inflicted, pedal cycle and motorcycle injuries are increasing.
3. The average length of stay increased by 4 hours from 2011.
4. Falls represent 36% of the total in hospital days or burden to the trauma system.
5. We can expect a 47% increase in fall-related trauma cases by 2030.
6. Mortality rates continue to decline, especially among those severely injured. (ISS 15+)
7. There are 1,567 additional survivors as a result of the decline in mortality rate since 2000.

B. The following items were discussed:

1. Including upgraded resource patients in the statistics.
2. Changing or upgrading triage criteria on patients who suffered from falls.
3. Updating catchment areas.
4. Laws and public education to decrease the amount of motorcycle injuries such as driving between cars, which is legal in California.
5. EMS responsibility and progress: Over the last 10 to 15 years motor vehicle (4 wheel) crash rates and severity of injuries has improved.
6. CDC criteria for trauma activation, trauma resource, one day admissions and trauma catchment areas. The Medical Audit Committee (MAC) has reviewed data including the elderly population, anticoagulants and impact of those factors on the trauma system, admissions, and catchment areas boundaries.
7. Populations of head injury patients and criteria if patients are or are not on blood thinning medication.
8. Comparing mortality rates with other systems.

V. SAN DIEGO HEALTHCARE DISASTER COUNCIL (Linda Rosenberg, R.N.)

November 21, 2013 is the Statewide Healthcare Exercise. Scenario for the drill is a food borne illness event. Participating hospitals and agencies include: Council on Community Clinics (CCC), Skilled Nursing Facilities (SNF), Sheriff's Office, Military, Border Health, Public Health Lab, Office of Emergency Services (OES) and Department of Environmental Health (DEH). The EMS Department Operation Center (DOC) will be open with participating community members and representatives of OES. The exercise will be testing emergency public information sharing, epidemiological surveillance and investigation, medical surge and communications.

VI. BEACON UPDATE (Marcy Metz, R.N.)

County and Hospital Association representatives are attending the EMS Authority sponsored Health Information Exchange (HIE) Summit in Los Angeles. The two (2) day summit is looking at the HIE; the EMS Hub project will be one of the presentations. The County EMS Hub should be functional and in production by 2014 with agency information coming into the County system. Some hospitals are able to retrieve record information now.

VII. RESUSCITATION OUTCOMES CONSORTIUM (ROC) (Donna Aker)

The Amiodarone, Lidocaine, Placebo cardiac arrest trial known as ALPS has 122 cases enrolled. Overall, the ROC centers have had 1300 participants and would like to reach a total of 3,000. The trial will end in the fall of 2015. There are no pending trials in San Diego at this time for cardiac arrest.

VIII. ELECTION OF BSPC CHAIR

BSPC member's recommended to re-elect Michele Grad, M.D. for another year as Chairperson. Motion carried.

IX. ITEMS FOR FUTURE DISCUSSION

Marcy Metz announced that Dr. Linnik and Dr. Kramer are leaving BSPC. Both have had leadership roles in the County, chairing BSPC and/or MAC. Ms. Metz presented certificates from the County in appreciation of their participation, support and commitment.

Dr. Linnik announced that Dr. Dave Neison will be the Base Hospital Medical Director for Sharp Grossmont as of January 2014.

Dr. Kramer announced that Dr. Saul Levine will be the Base Hospital Medical Director for Sharp Memorial as of January 2014.

X. SET NEXT MEETING/ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 12:00.

BSPC does not meet in December. The next meeting is scheduled for January 21, 2014.